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Federal Bureau of Investigation Mr. Clegg United States Bepartment of Justice Los Angeles 13, California July 1, 1947 DIRECTOR, FBI AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING Dear Sir: CRIME SURVEY Reference is made to Salt Lake City teletype dated June 24, 194760 wherein is requested complete details and subsequent developments of the murder of HENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL in Los Angeles. The killing of SIEGEL was brought to the attention of this office fter the shooting, at 10:50 P.M. on June 20, 1947, when telephonically advised Special Agent that had telephoned him. At this time told that SIEGEL had been shot five times; that seven bullets of .45 caliber were shot; that one bullet grazed the coat of ALLEN SMILEY who was present with SIECEL in the living room at 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California - VIRGINIA HILLS residence; and that CHARLES "CHICK" HILL, brother of VIRGINIA HILL, and JERI MASON, believed to be VIRGINIA HILL'S Secretary, were upstairs at the residence at the time of the shooting. Immediately after the shooting an automobile which was proceeding north toward Sunset Boulevard from the residence had been reported seen by neighbors. Deren Los Angeles newspapers, on the morning of June 21, 1947, submitted headline publicity of SIEREL's murder, relating the following additional information: was sleeping at the residence at the time of the killing. ALLEN SMILEY made the statement: "I heard the glass shattering and I ducked; I don't know how many shots were fired, but when I looked at SIEGEL I could see he had taken most of them. FORVICTORY RECORDED æ

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IV. A tiny sticker advertisement which had been stuck on the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper which SIECEL had been reading when killed read: "Good-night, Sleep Well".

V. SMOKL's body was taken to the los Angeles County Morgas and when trained west through his elethes they found two in-water gold hype a Mariean gold piece lashdoned into a honey clip, it wrist with, and an undisclosed immount of cash.

VI. Recounts of SIECHL's connection in the "RIC CHEENIX CHEENING murder were set out in various newspapers."

VII. Police Departments

Significantly it is noted that advised this office on May 14, 1966 that contacted and made an appointment to see him immediately. On August 1, 1966 this informant again advised that had contacted again.

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telephonically advised on June 21, 1947 shat he was 22, 22 surprised to near of the killing of SIECHL. He stated that he discredited 200 the story that SIECHL was willed because he pred money to the Maffia Syndicate, headed by FRANK COSTELIO and JOH ADONIS, concluding: "You can't collect money from a dead man".

telephonically volunteered on the same date that SIECE was fighting a big force, meaning The Unione Sicillione Syndicate, and that he didn't deserve this because he hadn't done them any, wrong

advised that he had been present at Jack's Cafe in Ocean Park, Calliornia on the night of June 20, 1947 and he observed and SIECKL "in a huddle" with one of the co-owners of Jack's Cafe

observed SIEGKL

leave the cafe, which gave out free newspapers with the stickers on them reading "Good-might, Sleep Well".

From June 21, 1947 through June 26, 1947 SIEGEL's death received newspaper headline publicity in Los Angeles. Many proposed reasons for the killing were set out, including gang warfare and dope amuggling; the fact that Las Vegas gambling clubs were losing money because of the Flamingo Club; that SIEGEL's interest in the Flamingo Club and Hotel drained his resources to the extent that he was applying pressure to the Los Angeles bookmakers who subscribe to the Trans-America Wire Service; that a patron of the Flamingo lost heavily betting and had undertaken reprisals; etc. etc. Copies of these articles were forwarded to the Bureau by confidential letter dated June 27, 1947.

Significantly, one article related that VIRGINIA HILL had had a quarrel with SIEGEL in Las Vegas and that she had departed for Paris, France.

On June 21, 1947 who is known to be friendly with

July 1, 1947

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Director, FBI

his attorney,

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telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD that he had been on the murder case of SIEGEL constantly and requested to know if the FBI was interested in the case. He had learned that SIEGEL had flown into the Los Angeles area on the morning of June 20, 1947

SIEGEL was expected to keep an appointment with in Beverly Hills, California.

had been in VIRGINIA HILL's house and said seven cartridges were found outside of the window. These cartridges were of 30 caliber size. The bullets were copper jacketed, which were no doubt shot from a U. S. Army Carbine Rifle.

The victim SIEGEL was seated four feet from the window which was fourteen feet from the spot where the carbine was rested on a lattice between VIRGINIA HILL's residence and the neighbor's driveway. Nine shots were evidently fired. Two bullets had entered SIEGEL's body through the head — one bullet came out through an eye, and a portion of an eyelid was found ten feet from him. There were five holes in the wall about as big as a silver dollar, and other bullets hit other objects in the room.

The couch on which SIECEL and SMITEY were sitting was stright-angles to the window, with the back in line with the right side of the nearby window. SMILEY was believed to have been next to the window with his left arm resting along the back of the couch. SIECEL was at the far end of the couch, leaning over a little and reading a Los Angeles Examiner newspaper. Apparently the first two bullets just singed SMILEY's coat at his left arm. According to the killer almost had to shoot around the corner and obviously was a very good shot.



Re: THE KILLING OF RENJAMIN "BUGST" STEGEL
DISCRILATIONS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Los Angeles Times newspaper dated June 22, 1547 reflected that Chief Deputy District Attorney S. EMEST ROLL, who with Captain W. W. WHITE headed the investigation of the murder, obtained a lengthy statement from RAFMEY RUDITSKY who was absolved from having any connection with the investigation. ROLL stated that RUDITSKY's information furnished little if any light on the murder.

From a confidential source

which is being developed now as an informant by this office, the following was furnished: STECKL had encroached upon the activities of hin Las Vegas, Nevada and they retalisted.

SIEGEL had a fight with two weeks previous to the killing and SIEGEL told that he ne longer had anything to do with the wire service and that the should get out of the town of Los Angeles.

believed by this office to be the following two reasons for the killing of SIEGEL:

of the Flamingo Hotel and was attempting a recoup through his friend GEORGE RAFT and others by attempting to gain bookmaking trade in the motion picture colony. This move clashed with killed.

B. A meeting was held in Las Vegas between SIEGEL and his associates wherein it was decided that the Trans-America Wire Service was not doing so

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well and arrange atts were made to reorganise the same. If the meeting it was decided that the in los Angeles would have to tell JACK DRACKA, who was in the hospital at the time, that he was no longer to be connected with the wire service. The informant blamed JACK DRACHA, a reported active member of the Eaffia, to be responsible for the SURGEL killing inasmuch as he, DRACKA, was being outsed.

On June 23, 1947

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prison in Derby, lanear. While in gail one of them is said to have remarked that he had a big job to do on the West Coast and it was felt that he might have some connection with the SIECKL killing.

On June 23. 1947

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telephonically requested this office to advise him of any information received which might be of assistance in connection with the STEGEL case.

stated on June 24, 1947 that VIRGINIA HILL was a girl friend of JOE ADDNIS in New York City; that she came to the West Coast to see Hollywood and SIECKL was told by the Syndicate to take care of her. He added that the money which she had been throwing around belonged to SIECKL. Furthermore, for some reason unknown, she had threatened to commit suicide in Las Vegas, Nevada and SIECKL personally took her to a doctor. He also pointed out that partner of SIECKL's in the operation of the Filmmingo Hotel, had departed to Paris, France, as had VIRGINIA HILL. was of the opinion that SIECKL had been killed for one of the two following reasons:

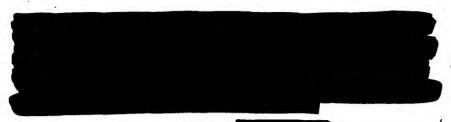
- 1. Mistreatment of VIRGINIA HILL;
- 2. A fight over the racing news service on the West Coast

In the course of another Bureau investigation Special Arent acceptained from

Director, FBI

July 1, 1947

Re: THE KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY



On June 25, 1917 Special Agent attended the Cornner's Inquest of SIECEL's death, held at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles. Captain W. W. WHITE, Beverly Hills, Police Department, ALIEN SMILEY, JERI MASON, and CHARLES HILL testified.

Captain WHITE testified that the killing happened at approximately 10:50 P.M. on June 20, 1947 and he arrived at the residence at approximately 11:00 P.M. He stated that he had picked up nine 30-caliber U. S. Army carbine shells at the scene; that two shots entered SIEGEL's head, one entering the right eye and exiting at the left eye, the other entering the right cheek and exiting the left neck, shattering the neck wertebra, and that the distance from where the victim was shot to the window of the residence was four feet.

ALLEN SMILEY identified the body at the inquest and related the activities of JERI MASON, CHARLES HILL, SIEGEL and himself before the shooting. He stated that at 3:00 P.M. he drove SIEGEL to JERRY ROTHCHILD's Barber Shop, 222 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, where he left SIEGEL. SMILEY returned to his apartment and made an appointment to see his doctor. SMILEY completed the appointment which lasted forty-five mirutes, and returned to pick up SIEGEL at JOE ROSS's law offices in Beverly Hills, California, and returned with SIEGEL to the Linden Drive address. SMILEY, SIEGEL, HILL and MASON then proceeded to Jack's Cafe at Ocean Park, California because they had heard that the cafe had just opened and all of them were curious to see what it was like. SMILEY related that after having dinner at Jack's Cafe they returned to the Linden Drive address and the only stop made was at the Beverly Wilshire Drug Flore when a FITTEL prochased some camphon. They arrived at the Linden Drive address at approximately 10:00 or 10:20 P.M. and after being in the house for about ten minutes both SIEGEL and SMILEY sat on the Chesterfield couch talking while SIEGEL looked over the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper.

SMILEY first heard a lot of noise, "like firecrackers, and thought it was a gag", but when he saw blood he knew SIEGEL had been shot. SMILEY

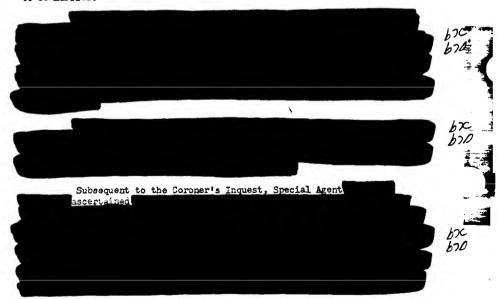
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said: "Quicker than I can say, I dove to the ground and immediately heard CHICK HILL, who was upstairs with JERI MASON, call down, 'what's the matter, BEN's. SMILET then hollered for them to call the doctor and the police and to turn off the lights. He yelled, "HEN is shot; call the police; call a doctor". He added. "someone called BARNET RUDITSKY, a very good friend".

JERI MASON and CHARLES HILL both testified, stating that they were upstairs pulling tacks out of the carpet because they were getting ready to go to Florida. Miss MASON was asked information concerning her occupation which she stated was secretary to VIRGINIA HILL, however she was embarrassed when asked direct questions concerning from whom VIRGINIA HILL rented and if Miss MASON had received correspondence recently from Miss HILL. Miss MASON knew very little concerning VIRGINIA HILL's personal business and was very very vague. It was later disclosed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office that CHARLES HILL and JERI MASON, who was formerly the secretary for MARIE MacDONALD, the motion picture actress, are engaged to be married.



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The June 10 through June 25, 1947 STEEL'S body remained at the large Angeles County Morgae unclaimed. However, after the Certair's Inquest Dr. MAURICE SIEUEL, brother of the victim, claimed the body and secret funeral services for the slain underworld big shot were held at the Groman Mortuary in Los Angeles. The services lasted five minutes and only six mourners, including SIEUEL'S divorced wife and his two daughters, were present. The ornate \$5,000. silver-plated bronze casket remained closed throughout the funeral, the body having been hermetically sealed in the coffin on the might of June 25, 1947. The rights of the Jewish Church were conducted privately by Rabbi MAX KERT of the Olympic Jewish Center at the request of the family to thwart plans of SIEUEL'S friends and business associates for a lavish Chicago-style funeral.



In connection with the investigation conducted

is noted that GEORGE RAFT was thoroughly questioned and as a result he stated that SIEGEL was a very good friend of his and furnished no detrimental information about his activities.

Mrs. ESTHEM SIEGKL, the divorced wife of the victim, was also questioned

stated that she was a schoolday sweetheart in New York City with SIEGEL and that about twenty years ago while he was in the garage business there she married him. She talked freely

nowever there was no mention made of SIEGEL's background as a "tough slugger from New York City". Instead, she called SIEGEL wa fine husband and thoughtful father.

Director, FBI

July 1, 1947

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The killing of SIEGEL brought to the attention of Governor EARL.

WARREN the fact that gangsterism was rampant in California and he publicly announced through the newspapers that he was appointing a Police Commission to study the influx of racketeers and gangsters in California.

It is significant the previously advised on July 8, 1946 that contacted and told him that he was going by private plane to las vegas. On July 26, 1946 contacted SIEGEL and went with him to the los Angeles. From various contacts with ascertained that had been obtaining horse racing tips during September of 1946.

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advised that he would not be present at this meeting because he did not intend to furnish information to the State Attorney General's Office

On June 10, 1947

dvised that he had been in contact who stated that he was certain that the FBI in los Angeles had such information concerning

Milling of STEEK and that this information could certainly easiet in the possible solution of the moder. however stated that had told him that the had not yet requested

any information from this office.

In view of this remark made by office requests to know whether any or all of the above information should be submitted

Very truly yours.

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Re: THE KILLING OF HENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIRGEL MISCHILANGOUS - IMPORMATION CONCERNING

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was connected with "HHGSY" SIEGEL and had trouble with him. This informant stated that mew all the facts concerning the demise of SIEGEL.

This informant subsequently contacted this effice on the same date and advised that had a big argument with SIRGEL concerning the narcotic traffic.

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On June 29, 1947

declared that all his evidence accumulated in the investigation of SIEGEL's murder pointed nowhere. He said: "We have the gambling angle, the love angle, the narcotic angle — you can take your choice. Everyone tells us how much they loved STEGEL, but it's a cinch scaebody didn'th.

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assigned to obtain a line on the movements of gangsters and racketeers who, in increasing numbers have been making Hollywood, talliornia a base of nationwide operations.

In a concerted move to catalogue criminal elements moving into Southern California which was precipitated in the slaying of SIEGEL, local law enforcement chiefs were scheduled to meet at 10:00 A.W. on July 1, 19h? in the office of the California State Attorney General's stated that the

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

June 25, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SEIGEL 1/3/36 MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 3, 1947, which advised that VIRGINIA HILL, mistress of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, contemplated visiting Mexico City oh January 15, 1947. Referenced letter also indicated that HILL had requested to allow her to use his apartment in Mexico City.

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In view of the recent murder of "BUGS" SIEGEL, and information appearing in the newspapers to the effect that HILL is in Paris, this stop is being discontinued.

Very truly yours

John N. Speakes
Legal Attache

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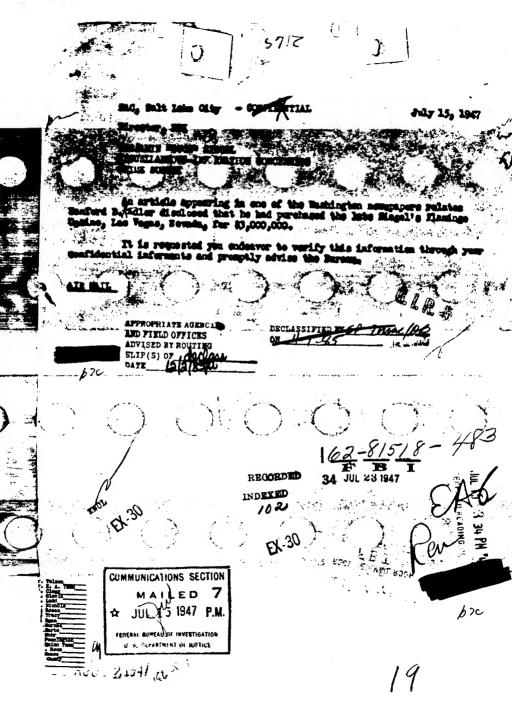
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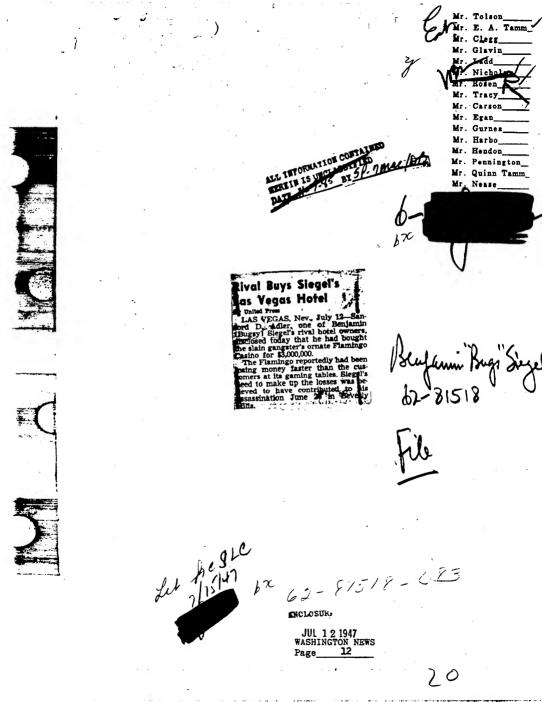
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Office Memorandum. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: July 14, 1947

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SUBJECT:

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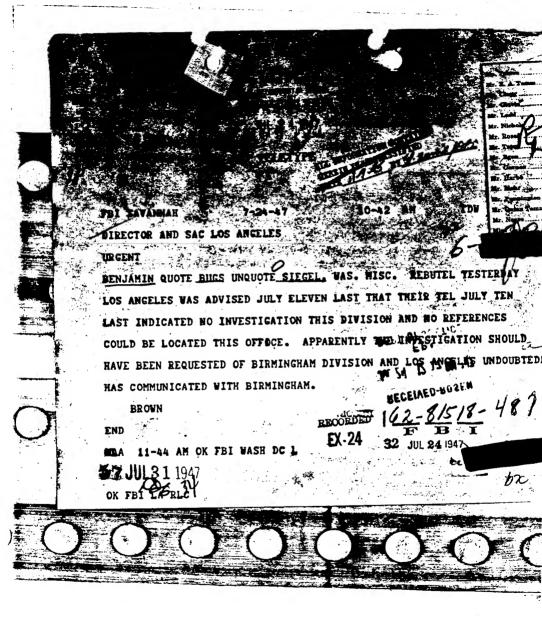
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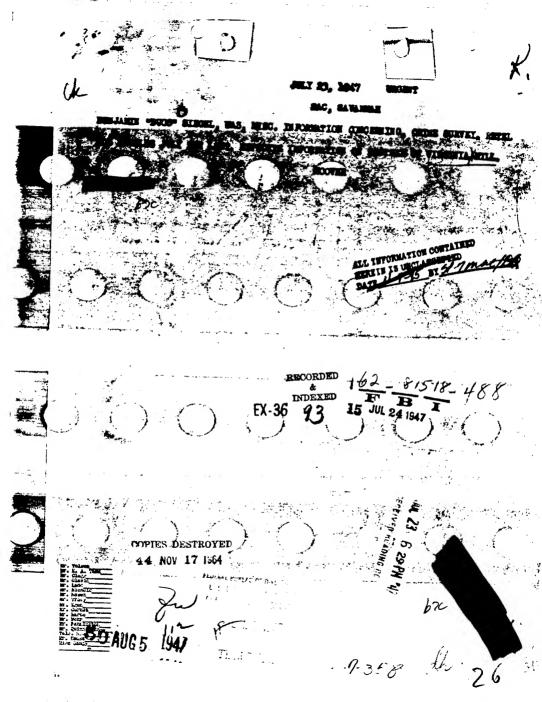
advised on June 25, 1947 that MRS. ESTHER CIEGEL, wife of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, planned to have a very private funeral service at Los Angeles, California for the slain gangster. Only members of SIEGEL's immediate family were expected to attend the service and no outsiders were invited. Informant stated that he understands no publicity whatsoever is to be given to the funeral planned and that the funeral may come as a surprise to even intimate associates of the former gangster.

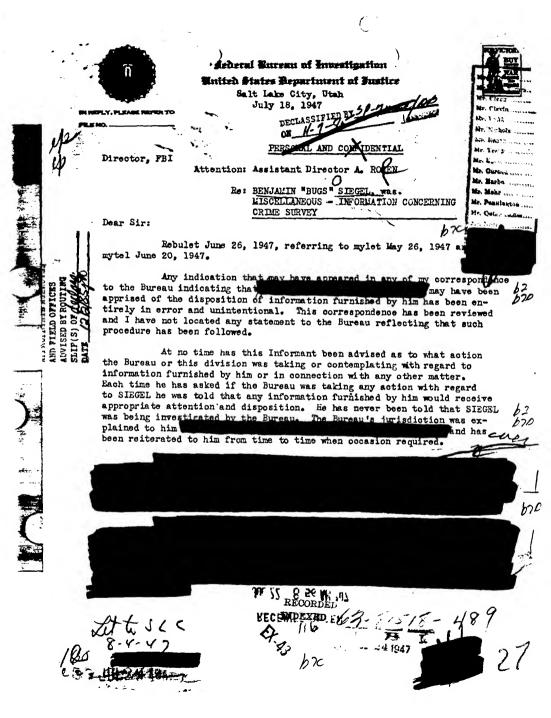
This information was born out by newspaper articles of June 26, 1947 which reflected that MRS. SIEGEL and her daughters together with SIEGEL's box sister and appeared at the mortician's office and requested that an immediate fumeral service be conducted.

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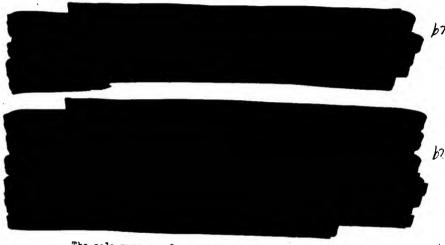
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Director, FBI
Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
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The sole purpose of requesting immediate advice from the Bureau as to the disposition by the Bureau of the information was for the guidance of this office and not to be divulged in any manner to the Informant.

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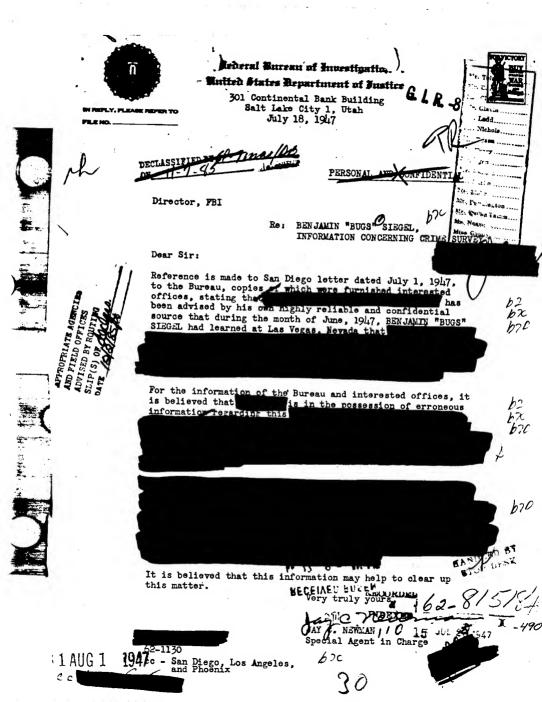
miorbielly furnished information of w untters. Houser, it appears from the above-quoted sentence that he is being furnished information which has been received by the Bureau. This practice will not be tolerated and must come at once. I've are instructed to immediately disc this matter with the Agents bandling this informant and it should W appeir failly pointed out that no information is to be furnished this informant. **BLOOKINE**D

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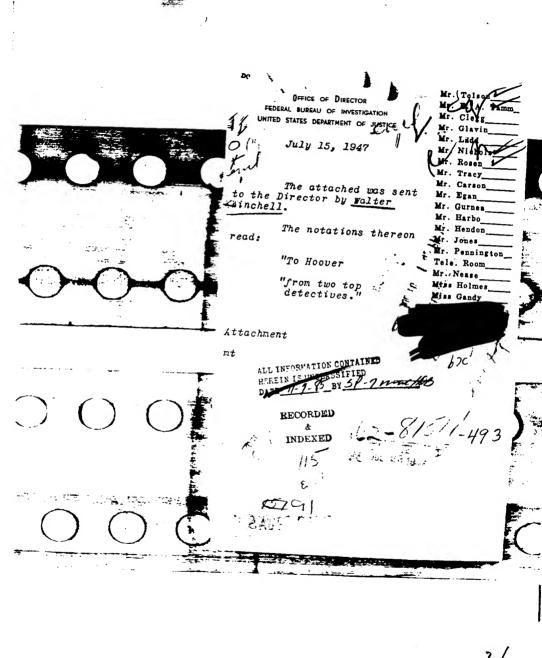
Itice Memorandum BENJAMIN BIGGY SIEGEL, WAS MISC., INFO CONCERNING As of possible interest to the Bureau, there are being forwards herewith autopsy photos of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL taken at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Encl. (2) RECORDED A Front ATTACHER 就·知 EX-44

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION 11-45 AM DIRECTOR URGENT BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC, INFO CONCERNING. REMYTEL HULLY ELEVEN LAST. FURNISH BUREAU INFO IMMEDIATELY. HOOD ACK PLS PLS NOTE THAT BIRMINGHAM WILL BE ADVISED RECORDED



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The Police expect to tie up the

Bugsy. Siegel killing with the Ragen killing in Chicago last year. (However, the cops do not expect to be able to put the finger on the actual murderer of Siegel). Despite anythign written about narcotics, etc., the real cause of the whole thing is bookmaking and racing interests. Here's the story....

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There are two supposedly rival services

interests who have the racing wire interest sewed up. (Also all the various 'scratch sheets'). They are the Ragain-Annenber crowd and the Trans American News Service and Publishers, Inc.

The latter is run by the 'boys' from the east here, and has an office in Brklyn and one in Chicago---address in Chi is 6 East Lake St. phone Medallion 1931). Actually, the two syndicates are linked up secretly, their rivarly is a front to stop the Gov't from any possible anti-trust, monopoly injunctions...Now all the big bookmakers throughout the country need these wire services, and are charged a nominal rate---about \$75 per day. Bugsy, against the advice of the biggest 'boys' here: (ML, JA, started charging double that rate to the west coast bookies. The where the fight started i....

Mr. Clegg ... Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice San Diego I, California July 1, 1947 BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEG Mr. Quine Tamm INFORMATION CONCERNING N. CRIME SURVEY Dear Sir: Reference is made to the San Diego Division letter of May 21, last to the Director entitled "VICE CONDITIONS, LOWER CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, CRIME SURVEY". That communication and others from the Salt Lake City Division under the same title indicated that In this connection has been advised by his own highly reliable and confidential source that during the past thirty days "BUGS" SIEGEL had ascertained at las Veras. Nevada, that This information is particularly interesting at this time SIEGEL's muraer. The Salt Lake City Division might be able to obtain additional information concerning this particular matter AIR MAIL PX ESTIBILIVE HIMMION 10 3; W. A. MURPHY Departs in Charge FORVICTORY cc - Los Angeles cc - Salt Lake City cc - Phoenix 31 JUL 10 1947

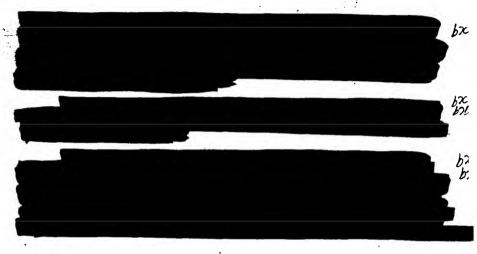
Office Memoranaum UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN Director, FBI DATE: SAC, Phoenix SUBIRCT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" STRIKI INFORMATION CONCERNING ORING SURVEY mix office on July 21, 1947, estensibly to make a social call, but advised while here that they were working under cover on a lead which they had received in the SIEGEL case. This lead, the source of which was not mentioned, was to the effect that two short stocky swarthy Italians were supposed to have done the job and that they were brought out here by GUS MIKENBAUK and were known to have hung around the Adams Hotel in Phoenix; further that they were driving a tan Buick with no license plates. advised that they would remain in Phoenix for a few days in an attempt to run this lead out, without disclosing their presence here. They said they had made a check of the automobiles passing through Blythe, California, for a short period of time immediately preceding the death of SIEGEL, and had located approximately 95 cars which could have fit the description they had. Any further information developed through this source will be promptly furnished to the Bureau and interested offices. cc-San Diego oc-Ios Angeles oc-Salt Lake City hic APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF ECORDED 2_81518-495 36 AUG 1 1947 beco.

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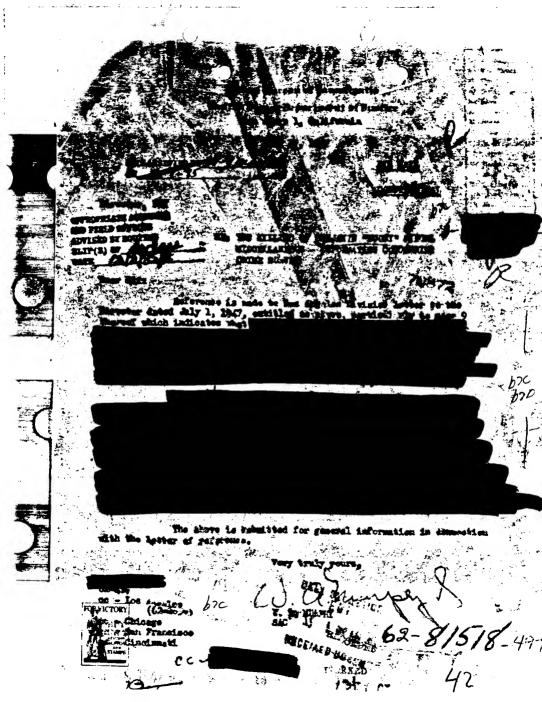


This is being furnished the Bureau, the Los Angeles Office, and Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY in Chicago for information purposes. The Los Angeles Office may desire to furnish the information contained herein to the law enforcement agency conducting an investigation relative to the murder of SIEGEL.

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cc Chicago - Attention Assistant Director E. J. DONNELLEY



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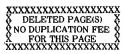
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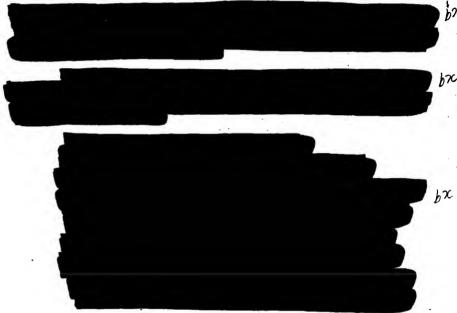
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It will be seen from the above may probably be considered capable of performing most any type orime and it is not known at the Birmingham Office just how far the Los Angeles Office or the Bureau may desire to follow up his whereabouts on the date of SIEGEL's demise. A copy of this communication, however, is being made available to the Mobile Office in the event it might be desirable to check on his whereabouts at Pensacola, Florida on that date.

Under date of July 14, 1947, the "Birmingham News" carried photographs and a feature story concerning VIRGINIA HILL, copies of which are being forwarded to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office for informative purposes. It is noted that the article states that VIRGINIA's father, a

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former horse and mule trader in Bessemer, Alabama, hasrecently moved to Marietta, Georgia, and for that reason, a copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Atlanta Office in the event it might be desirable to interview members of her family there.

In the absence of any further request for active investigation this case is being considered RUC, and a copy of instant letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office due to their interest in SIEGEL, as well as the fact that the Chicago Office was formerly office of origin in the VIRGINIA HILL case.

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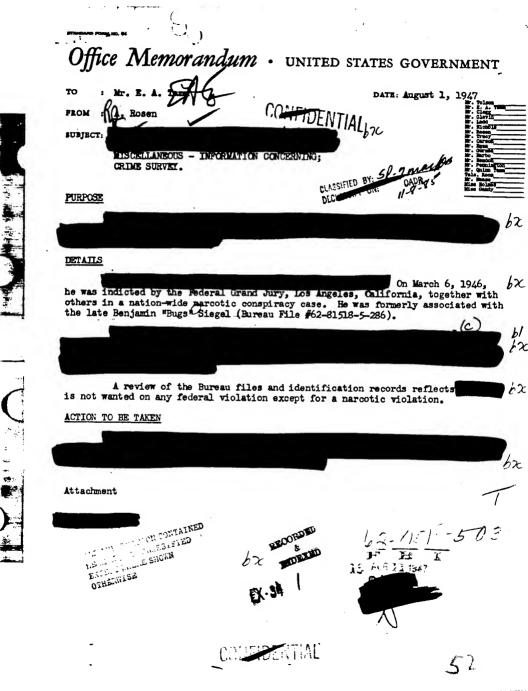
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SUBJECT:

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CRIME SURVEY

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The July 14, 1947, issue of the bi-monthly magazine "Fortnight" a California publication published at 4504 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles California, carries a feature article under the heading of "Justice", entitled, "A New Mob Takes Over.....The Killing of Bugsy Siegel Marks a New Era for the Rackets in California".

This article reports a some length the known facts of the Siegel murder giving what purports to be Siegel's background and his semmection with the "Unione Sidlians" and "Mafia", with CHARLES "LUCK" LUCIANO, GEORGE RAIT, and with an unidentified narcotics ring. The article states a runor had it that the big mob would soop be calling the turns in California with a new representative in METER LANSKI, pal of SIEGEL's.

In this connection this office advised the Los Angeles Office by letter dated Angust 29, 1946, in a letter entitled as above that a confidential source, whose reliability is well known, when questioned concerning other interests from the East who may be moving westward indicated that MEXER IANSKI was interested in the Frimmingo Club with SIEGEL, which club was then under construction at Mas Vegas, Nevada.

The above is furnished for whatever interest it may have to the Bureau and auxiliary offices.

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Director, FBI

August 14, 1947

SAC, Salt Lake City

BUDIECT:

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Refer Bureau Office Memorandum of August 4, 1947, calling attention to phraseology in a communication from this office which indicated that the informant might have been furnished information in an interview, and instructing that in the handling of this informant no information whatever is to be furnished the informant.

As instructed by the Bureau. I discussed this matter on August 13, 1947 with Special Agents Resident Agents at Las Vegas, Nevada, I specifically pointed out to them that under no circumstances is any informa-

tion which has come into the Bureau's possession to be furnished this informant at any time. I also discussed with them the absolute necessity of their being guarded in any conversations they have with the informant, so that no information will be imparted to him.

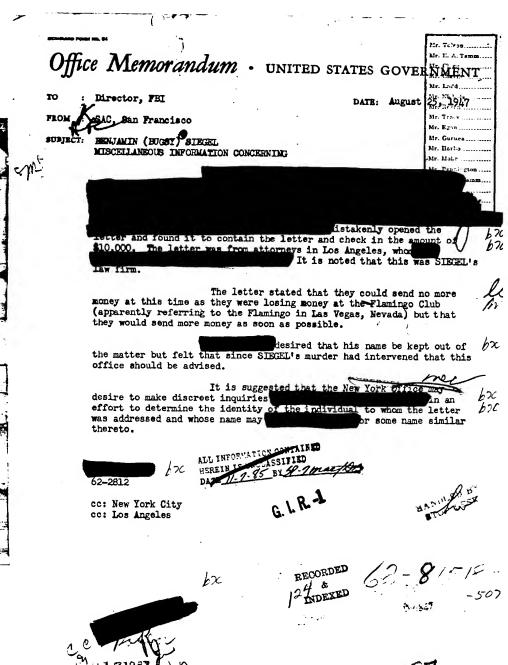
My communication to the Bureau dated July 22, 1947, referred to in the Bureau's Office Memorandum, was dictated by Special Agent

and I had discussed with him how his conversations with the informant would have to be carried on with the utmost discretion in order that information of any kind would not be furnished the informant. Agent realized the importance of the situation; and although the wording of our communication of July 22, which was dictated by him, would seem to indicate that the informant made the evaluation of information which the Bureau had received I would be more inclined to believe that this is

At any rate. I have discussed the importance of this matter with the two Agents into the matter thoroughly with any other Agents who might be assigned

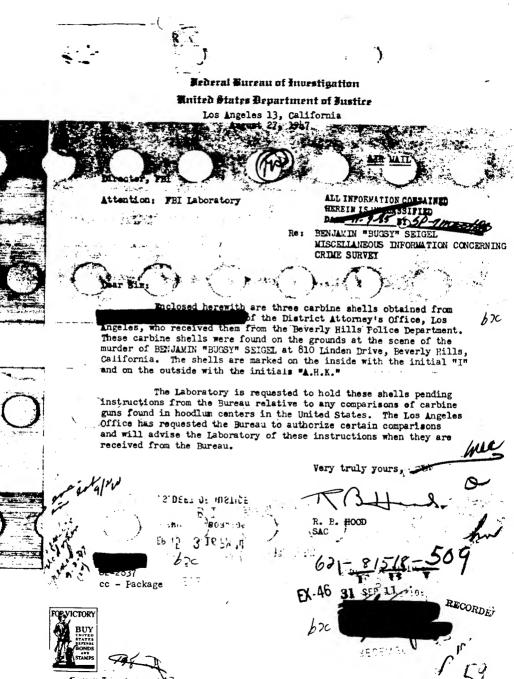
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... Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GO Director, FBI DATE: SAC, Salt Lake City SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" STROET. MISCELIANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY Mr. Pennington For the Fureau's information, on August 12, 1947 of the Las Vegas. Nevada Police Department advised hat he had been work ing on a "pet" theory as to who killed SIECEL stated he believed the person who engineered the killing was MOP SEDWAY of the Flamingo Hotel. informed that it was common knowledge among the gambling element in las Vegas that SIEGEL had been out to "break" SEDWAY, and SIEGEL was reported to have made the statement that he would make a "shill" out of SEDWAY. expressed the belief that SEDWAY had acted peculiarly just before SIEGEL was killed, and that since the killing he has been "nervous as has seen him. He stated that for several days prior to the SIEGEL Killing SEDWAY was not around town and was not at his home in Las Vegas. further advised that SEDWAY would have had the motive bκ for killing SEGEL and is smart enough to have engineered the actual killing; further, that SEDMAY seems to have considerable authority at the Flamingo Hotel since the reorganization. stated that he had passed on his "theory" to investigators from the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, as they had contacted him in Las Vegas. He mentioned that an investigator of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office was in Las Vegas on August 2 and 10, 1947, conduct ing further investigation concerning the killing of 62-1130 81510_508 B 1 RECORDED cc: Los Angeles (Contidential) INDEXED 31 SEP 9.1947 APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND PIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING €35EP 16 1947

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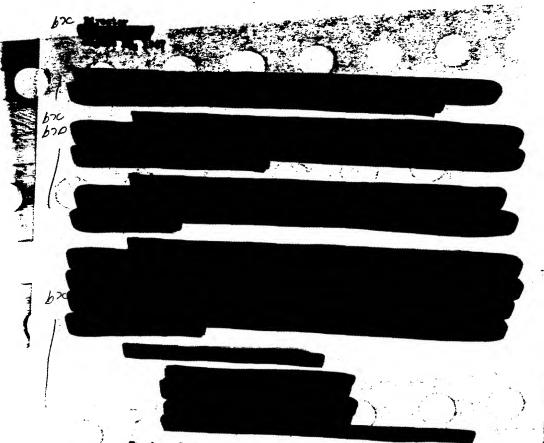
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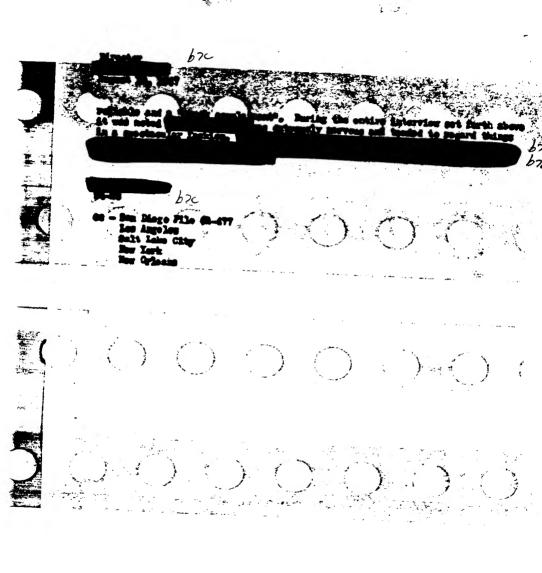
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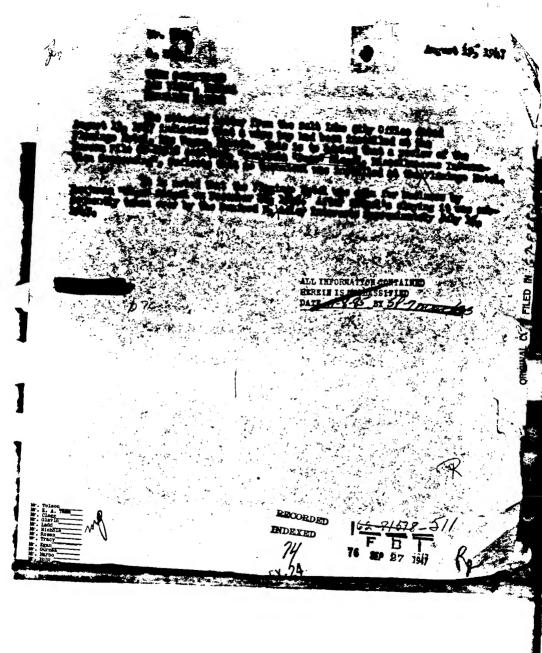
boc 200 In conversation with shortly after SIRORL's death that he had heard from friends in las Wegas that there was a distinct possibility that SIRORL had been billed through the efforts of empetitors of the Flamings Club in los Vegas due to the fact that the Flamings Club had effored such stiff competition to the other amphling setups in los Vegas.



In view of the foregoing information it is requested that the San Diago Garine be advised of any information in herems files which might be partitioning and it is also requested that effices receiving copies of this letter furnish the San Diago Office with information appearing in their files.

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Rederal Aureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice 510 South Spring Street, Room 900 Los Angeles 13, California September 15, 1947

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Quinn Tam

RE: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGS

RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

Dear Sir:

On July 31, 1944 U. S. Marshal's Office in los Angeles by SAs

was interviewed in the

volunteered information concerning the slaying of HENJAMIN "BUGSY" 670 SIECEL. who was slain at approximately 10:45 p.m., June 20, 1947 at VIRGINIA HILL'S residence, 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California. This information, together with this office's attempt to verify the same, is set out as follows:

MOTIVE FOR THE KILLING OF SIEGEL:

When SIECED the to California in 1937, he was authorized by the Syndian to organize the State for them and act as a front man for their various Syndicate interests. However, he was strictly forbidden from "muscling in" or touching the motion picture industry because the Syndicate already had it "set up " STECKL violated his ordershape, when bles andique thought the time right, the killed

GEL was not kill because he was mixed up in the horse-race wire service, or because he had the Wilandiate with VIRGINIA ATLL or because he owed the Syndicate money which he borrowed to operate the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was killed because he had gained a footbold in the

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wather than be reced with such exposure, which was evident, or else pay-up, because SIECEI was losing money in his operations of the Flamingo Ectel.

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The motive in killing SIECEL was to eliminate him from their operation on the West Coast because he had served them their purpose and SIECEL'S protege, was ready to take SIECEL'S place as their new top gangster. The existence of a top gangster to keep other criminal elements in line with their operations is always necessary in the Syndicate's functions.

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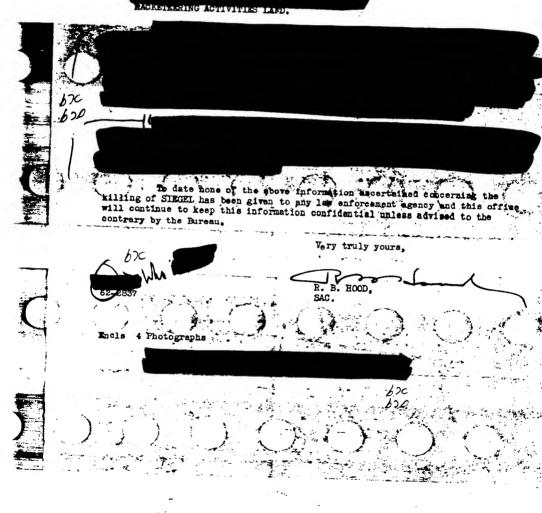
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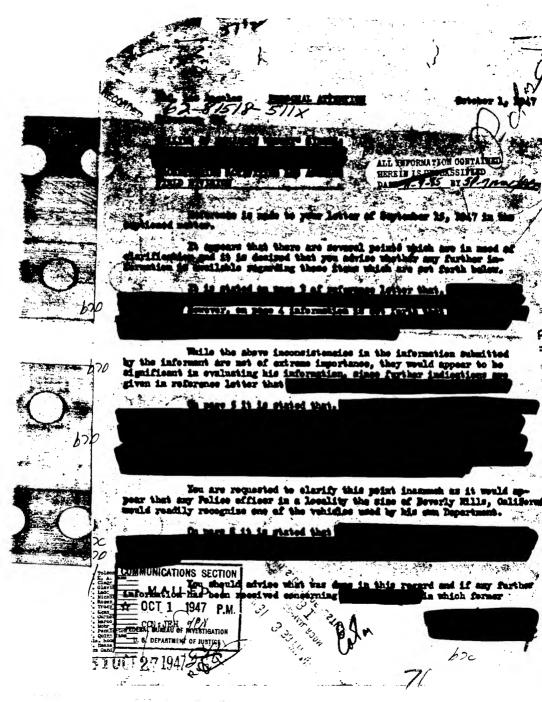
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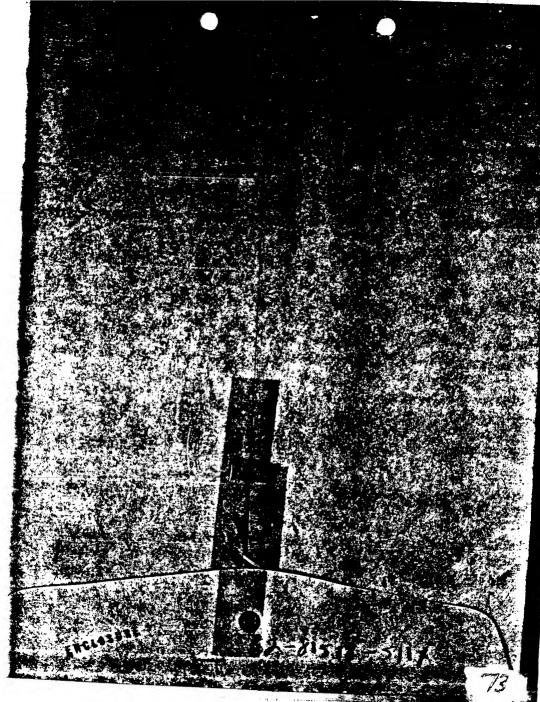




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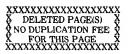




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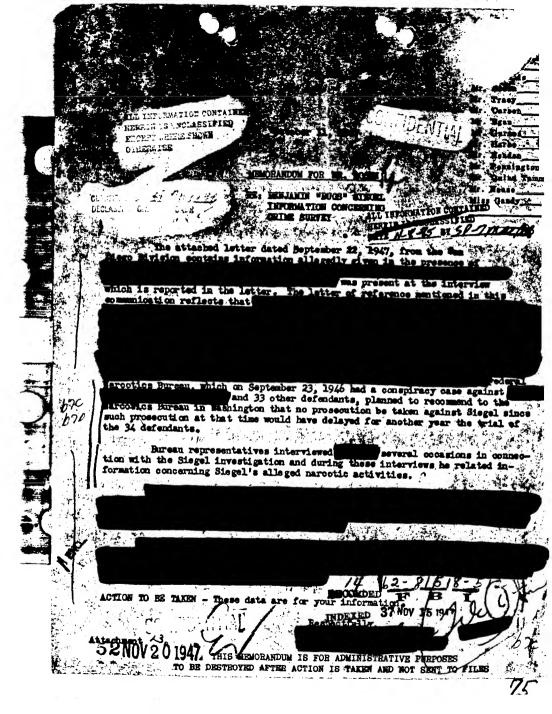
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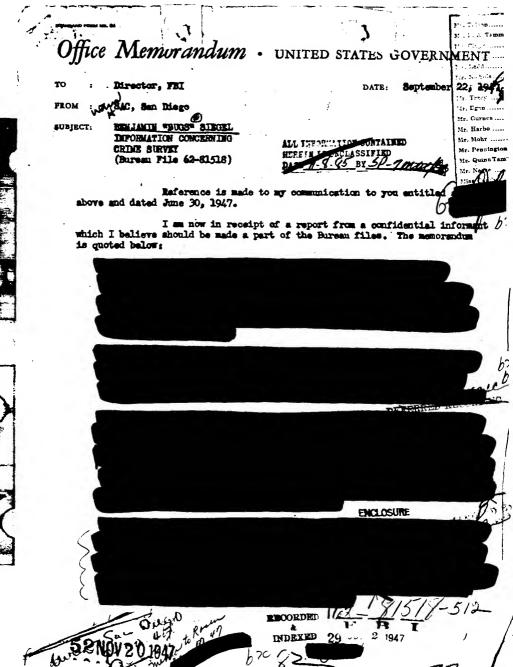


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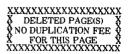




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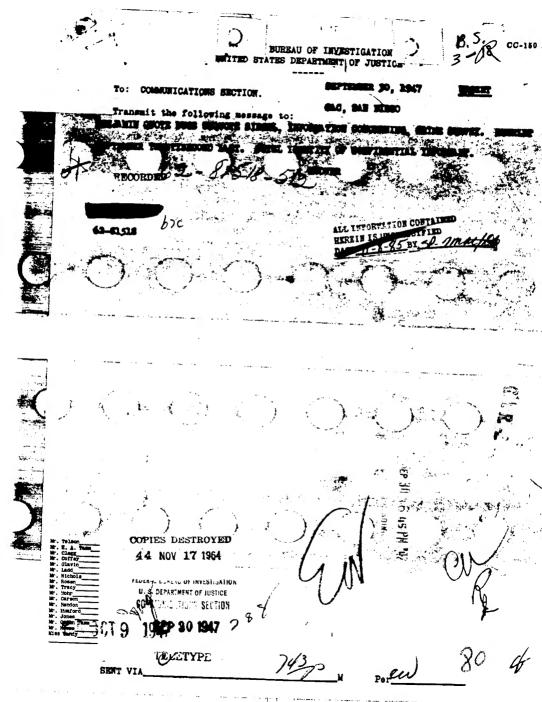




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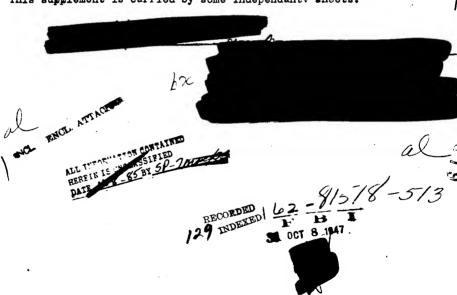
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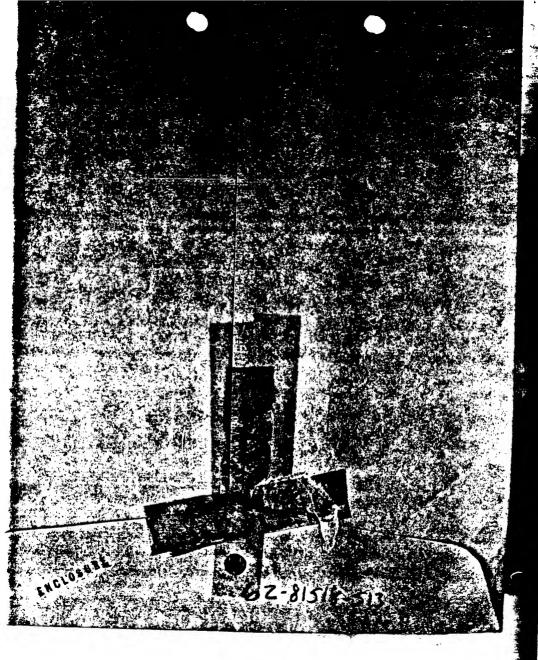
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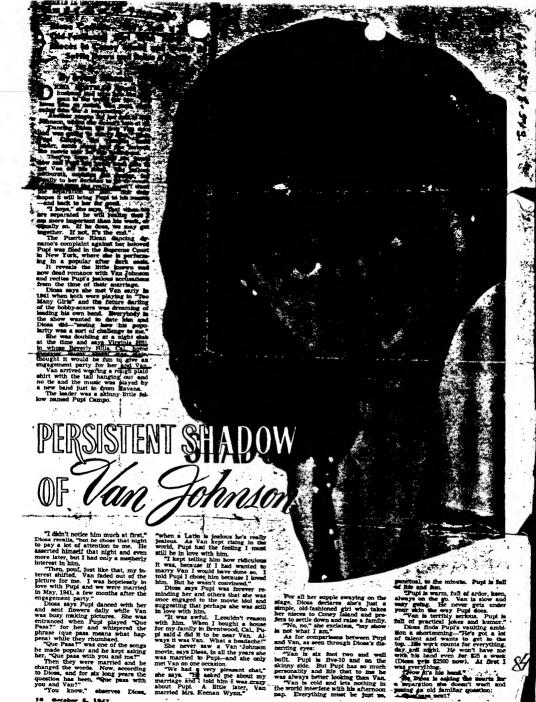
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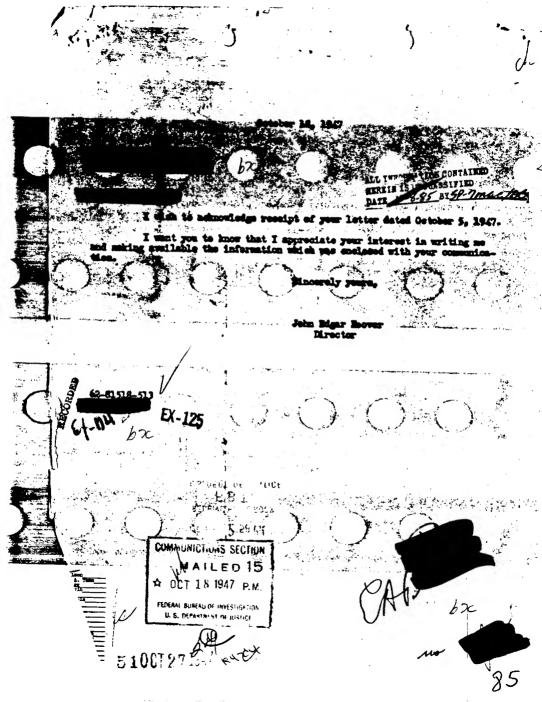
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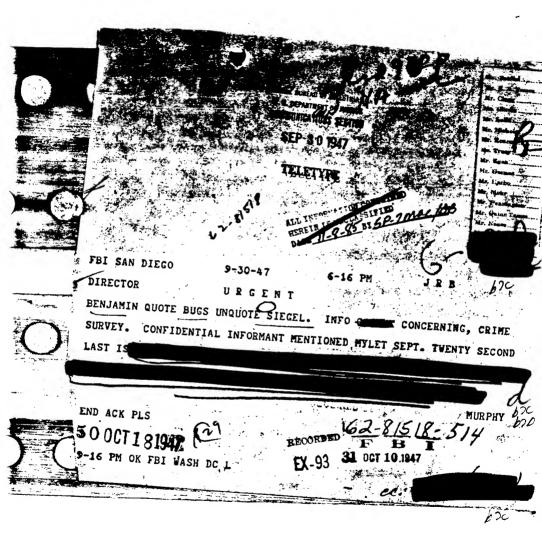
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United States Department of Justice Bederal Bureau of Investination Los Angeles 13, California August 27, 1947

Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SEIGEL MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING '

Dear Sir:

Three of the nine carbine shells found on the grounds at the scene of the murder of <u>BENJAMIN SEIGEL</u> in Beverly Hills have been forwarded under separate cover to the FRI laboratory. These shells were obtained from f the District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, who previously received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department.

No specific request has been made of the Laboratory relative to what comparison is desired at this time. It is felt, however, that all carbine guns coming to the attention of the Bureau Offices in hoodlum centers in the United States should be forwarded to the Laboratory and appropriate examinations conducted in an effort to locate the killer's gun. It is suggested, therefore, that New York, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Salt Lake City, Phoenix and San Francisco > be alerted to recover carbines for the purpose of the above examination. No further action is being taken pending instructions from the Bureau regarding this suggestion.

Very truly yours,

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ice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY There is attached hereto copy of a letter received from the Los Angeles Office forwarding three carbine cartridge cases said to have been obtained from District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, who in turn received them from the Beverly Hills Police Department. The letter states that these three cartridge cases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murd of Benjamin. "Bugsy" Seigel in Beverly Hills, California. It will be noted that the attached letter requests the laboratory to hold these three fired cartridge cases "pending instructions from the Bureau relative to any comparisons of carbine guns found in hoodlum centers in the United States." The letter further states that the Los Angeles Office has requested the Bureau to authorize certain comparisons and will advise the laboratory of these instructions when they are received from the Bureau. I am calling this to your attention in view of the unusual nature of this matter. The three cartridge cases have been received in the laboratory and are being held pending further advice. ALL INFORMATION CO Attachment 19 OCT 11/194

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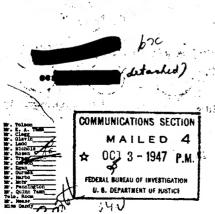
Reference is made to your letter dried inpurt 27, 2017, in the shore entitled ence, wherein you suggested that designated field divisions be alected to recover earliese for the purpose of boing supered with the three certridge esces which were found at the source of the nurther of Designia Riegal and which have been forwarded to the leberatory.

An examination has been made of the three cartridge one or forwarded to the laboratory. It has been determined that the breach face, firing pin and ejector marks on these specimens are not sufficiently distinct for comparison with test specimens from emported carbines. The entractor marks on one of the cares are also not adequate for comparison. A few similarities were found between the extractor marks on the other two cases but the marks were of such a nature that it was not possible to identify these cases as having been loaded into or extracted from the same weapon. It may be possible to identify the extractor marks on those cases with tests from suspected weapons.

It is therefore suggested that since referenced letter indicates mine cartridge eases were found on the grounds at the scene of the murdar, the Los Angeles Division may desire to obtain the six additional shells for examination by the laboratory.

The three eartridge cases which have been examined are being retained in the laboratory until advice is received from the los Angeles Office as to whether the additional six cartridge cases responsed are to be forwarded to the laboratory for examination.

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ice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN

DATE: September 26, 1947

FROM

SUBJECT: Benjamin "Bugsy

Miscellaneous Information concerning Grime Survey

I have had the three caliber .30 carbine cartridge cases covered in connection with the above-entitled case examined by advises me that the firing pin impressions in these three cartrids cases do not bear sufficient microscopic marks for determining whether or not these three specimens were fired in the same weapon or for comparison with test specimens. This is also true of the head of the cartridge cases with respect to breech face marks and ejector marks. There are on these three cartridge cases a few extractor marks, however, the marks are not sufficiently distinct to identify these three specimens as having been extracted from the same weapon. The marks on one of them are entirely inadequate for comparison and only a few similarities were found between the extractor marks on the other two specimens. There is a possibility that the extractor marks on the latter specimens could be identified with those on test cartridge cases fired from the same weapon.

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fice Memorandum DATE: 10/8/47 MAC, Los Amreles LEATHERING ACTIVITIES, LOS ALGERS FIELD DIVISION DECLASSIFIED BY 60. 7 4 Rebulet 10/1/47. Several of the points of information furnished do need elarification, and it is suggested that rubur interviews be sendusted with him in order to slavify some The information set out in Bulet 9/15/47 is set out exactly as it was furnished to Bureau Arents. More complete details concerning the operations of is set out in Bulet from this office dated 9/18/47. It is believed that in each of the points mentioned for elarification as set out in Bulet 10/1/47, LIME DIVERSO DEINER

Ro: KILLING OF BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIRCEL

Regarding the request that the Bureau be advised as to the significance of the fact that the fid not mention again in this office. The exact significance is not known. However, in the opinion of SA

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has previously requested to know from this office information regarding the presence of racketeers and hoodlums in Los angeles from other cities and confidentially has advised Agent that